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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for sending your declaration concerning the Single European Sky – SES2+ initiative to the President of the Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso and Vice-President Siim Kallas. We have studied your declaration carefully and can fully agree with your demand for maintaining high levels of safety and quality of jobs, whilst focusing Functional Airspace Blocks more on co-operation than a top-down approach. The SES2+ proposal will in fact address the very issue of FABs that you mention, by giving the industry more freedom to design different kinds of co-operation arrangements, thus strengthening the already existing bottom-up approach.

This idea of empowering the industry to steer its own solutions, when seeking performance improvements, is one of the central themes of the new proposal and we believe it is right that the Commission remains an economic regulator at high level, only setting out the goals to be reached, but leaving the means to the experts i.e. the people working in the field. Naturally the Commission will also continue to ensure the involvement of the social partners and even more importantly the application of the same principle also at local and regional level.

We hope to continue the open and fruitful dialogue with the social partners in the relevant fora and welcome the input of the Bulgarian trade unions in it.

Yours sincerely,

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Director